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1. The following Soviet vessels were observed in Swinoujscie (Swinemuende) on 11 September 1953:

a. One ship about 80 meters long [redacted] This ship arrived with a large sized cargo which was unloaded at the shipyard.

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b. Two ships [redacted] arrived and left without cargo.

c. The large submarine chasers [redacted] returned to Swinoujscie on 11 September and anchored on the east side of the port canal.

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d. Two ships [redacted] arrived with cargo which was unloaded at the shipyard. None of the Soviet merchant ships or naval auxiliary ships observed in Swinoujscie were equipped with radar.

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2. [redacted] there are between 35 and 48 different Soviet naval vessels which use Swinoujscie as a home base. The personnel composing the Soviet naval garrison in Swinoujscie will probably be rotated in the near future.

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3. The Soviet demagnetizing station in Swinoujscie, which consists of a large fishing cutter and one unarmed boat resembling a speed motorboat anchored about 50 meters apart, is only equipped to demagnetize small ships, such as trawlers, torpedo boats, speed motorboats, etc. The station is manned by about 18 men who are billeted in the wooden barracks located on the west side of the port canal opposite the Odra Port station which is on the eastern side of the port canal.

4. Soviet jet planes have been observed flying over the town and port of Swinoujscie every day, and the Soviet Air Force and antiaircraft artillery units located in Swinoujscie and along the coast have engaged in training exercises, day and night.

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